

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room W215 Senate Office Building, State Capitol Complex

February 1, 2010

Members Present: Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Co-Chairman
Rep. Sheryl Allen, Co-Chairman
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Jerry Stevenson
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Julie Fisher
Rep. Chris Herrod
Rep. Christine Johnson
Rep. Todd Kiser

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist
Dr. Thomas Young, Economist
Becky Lawyer, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Allen brought the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Okerlund moved to approve the minutes for the meetings on January 27 and 28th. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Biskupski, Sen. Davis, Rep. Fisher, and Rep. Herrod absent for the vote.

Dr. Wilko explained the Budget and Issue Briefs provided for the meeting. The DCC departments requested a transfer of \$35,600 from the administration line item to both Arts and History with \$9,500 transferred to the Arts budget and \$26,100 transferred to History.

Division of Community and Culture

Palmer DePaulis, Executive Director, Department of Community and Culture, introduced Michael Hansen, Deputy Director, DCC. A handout was distributed, indicating each division's budget details. The DCC's digitization program was discussed. Digitization has allowed efficiencies and cost-savings.

The "We Shall Remain" program, in which the DCC partnered with KUED was discussed. KUED contributed \$500,000 toward the Utah production. DCC contributed \$350,000. Each

night the federal program was presented, there was a companion piece about the five Utah tribes that also aired locally. This was an opportunity to provide curricula to teachers about local tribes.

The proposal discussed at the previous meeting, that a fee be charged for use of the historical archive database was reviewed. The division indicated that they are willing to discuss this possibility.

Some information can not be made available to the public because of the delicate nature of the site, such as petroglyphs. The Public Viewer allows viewer to see those areas which are appropriate for public access. The Federal Descriptive Report has to be prepared each year in order to obtain Federal Grants. Hours have been greatly reduced (staff hours) in FY10 from FY07, due to digitization.

No additional budget is requested for digitization. The DCC requests non-lapsing authority for IT and digitization as the contracts extend beyond fiscal years. Great efforts are made to be cost-effective. Indian Affairs also this non-lapsing authority. Questions from the committee were discussed.

Office of Ethnic Affairs

Jesse Soriano, Director, Office of Ethnic Affairs, described the purpose of this office, created by executive order. Its mission is assist state agencies in delivering their services appropriately to ethnic communities. Offices include Black, Asian, Hispanic, Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs. The office educates and facilitates communication to both state agencies and the public, as well as providing conferences throughout the year in areas of concern. Questions from the committee were discussed.

Division of Indian Affairs

Forrest Cuch, Director, Division of Indian Affairs, explained that the role of Indian Affairs has been and continues to be positive intergovernmental relations. The majority of the services they provide are mostly in information and referral. Repatriation of Human Remains is an important service provided. Reinterment is generally in a state burial vault or a return to the tribes determined. A handout was distributed showing the disposition of remains recently found. In this effort they have worked closely with State History. Questions from the committee were discussed.

Utah State Library

Donna Morris, State Librarian and Director of the Utah State Library introduced Cheryl Mansen,

Assistant Director, Utah State Library, Geri Openshaw, Information Specialist, Paul Croft, Financial Manager, Bess Yost, Blind and Disabled Program Manager, and Craig Nielsen, Library Resource Program Manager. The importance of libraries to the economic recovery was explained. Terry Ann Harward, Chairman, State Library Board, Sam Passey, Director of Uintah County Library and member, State Library Board, Keith Wilson, member, Library Board, Lori Quigley and Shelly Day, members, Library Board, were thanked for the time they have donated. Shelly Cheesman, Manager, Salt Lake County Library and President, Utah Library Association, Beth Elder, Director, Salt Lake City Public Library, Debbie Erman, Assistant Director for Library Experiences and Chairman, ULA Legislative Committee, Marsha Cheney, Director and Robbie Peterson, Assistant Director, North Logan Library, Members, Legislative Committee, and Kim Rawlins, Public Affairs Coordinator, Utah Academic Library Consortium. These are members of entities that have partnered with the Utah State Library.

A base budget of \$4.5 million has been requested. \$3,743,700 is brought in through contracts for services provided. National entities contract with the library, which provides jobs in Utah. \$1,800,000 in revenue comes from federal grants. Other revenue comes from county contracts for Bookmobile service, contracts with 20 other states to provide Braille service, and full blind service to Wyoming. Questions from the committee were discussed.

Utah's Online Library, Pioneer, and its value to the public was discussed. Children doing homework, people doing genealogy, and the public consulting magazines and ebooks use this service.

Testimonials from Library staff and patrons were shared. Utah ranks 4th in the nation for per capita library visits. It is first in the nation for children's materials checked out. Questions from the committee were discussed.

Division of Arts and Museums

Margaret Hunt, Director, Division of Arts and Museums introduced Dennis Ellsworth, Communications Director. The division's mission was discussed. The organization administers two boards: Museum Services Advisory Board and Utah Arts Council. Three of the division performance measures were discussed, including leverage division funding, digitization efforts to make access to resources available online, a consolidation of databases and a comprehensive appraisal of the Fine Art collection, which was begun in the late 1880s, to be completed in 2010. The division's priorities were discussed. Questions from the committee were discussed.

Division of State History

Phillip Notarianni, Director, Division of State History, introduced Michael Homer, Chairman of the Board, Wilson Martin, State Historic Preservation Officer, and Kristen Jenson, Program

Manager for Digitization, and Kristen Rogers, Communications Specialist were introduced. A fact sheet was distributed and explained. An overview of the division was given, including programs and partnerships. The Division specifically referenced a past partnership with the Division of Indian Affairs.

Kristen Rogers, Communications Specialist, addressed the committee. State History helps create a vital present and future. Last year statistics were given, showing how history is helping with economic development. The division saves the taxpayers money, strengthens communities and furthers economic development. Testimonials were given.

Utah Humanities Council

Cynthia Buckingham, Executive Director, Utah Humanities Council, addressed the committee. A description of the council, which is an independent, non-profit organization, was given. Their programs and services were explained. They partner with all of the state's cultural agencies. This results in savings. There is an ongoing appropriation from the state of \$50,400. This amount was reduced over 20% last year and there is a request to hold it at that level.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Okerlund, Rep. Herrod, and Rep. Kiser absent for the vote.

Rep. Allen adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Co-Chair

Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, Co-Chair